

## Smell Gas?

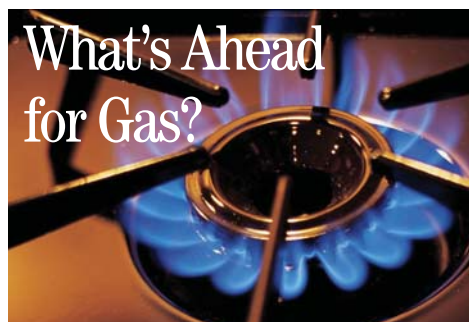
### Report It!

Pure natural gas is colorless, odorless—and dangerous, if a leak goes undetected! That's why before the gas is delivered to your home, an odorant is added to give gas its distinctive, "rotten egg" smell.

Here are some tips for what to do if you suspect a gas leak:

- If you smell a faint gas odor near an appliance, make sure the pilot light is lit. If it is out, open windows and doors to vent the area before relighting the pilot. If the odor persists, **call AmerenIP**. We respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at no charge.
- If the smell is medium to strong, or if you hear a hissing sound, leave the building, and leave windows and doors open behind you. Then call Ameren as soon as possible from a neighbor's phone or nearby business.

And remember: Never use any open flame, operate a vehicle, or operate any electronic devices—including cell phones—if you suspect a gas leak!



## What's Ahead for Gas?

We all know what happened with gasoline prices over the summer—but what about the price of the natural gas many of us will use to heat our homes this winter?

Like the price you pay at the pump for gasoline, the price of natural gas moves up and down based on many factors, including weather conditions, global conflicts in the Middle East and basic supply and demand.

However, unlike your local filling station, Ameren does not add a single penny to the wholesale price we pay for natural gas. That cost is passed on to you dollar-for-dollar—

with no markup by Ameren.

Wholesale natural gas prices started to trend downward earlier this summer, only to shoot up again as more gas-fired power plants went online to meet electricity demand during a heat wave.

Our goal is to limit the impact of these ups and downs by purchasing natural gas throughout the year at the best prices to meet our customers' needs. That means working with a variety of natural gas suppliers, purchasing gas when prices fall and putting that lower cost gas into storage.

Ameren owns and operates substantial natural gas storage facilities, which not only helps stabilize the cost of the gas you use but also ensures that we will have plenty of gas on-hand when you need it.

So no matter how cold it gets this winter, you can rest assured that gas will be available—and at one of the most stable prices in the nation.



## What's Ahead for Electricity?

Beginning next year, all the electricity Ameren delivers to its Illinois customers must be purchased on the open market. This change is coming after 10 years of frozen rates and a 20% rate reduction for AmerenIP residential customers. But, just like everything else, costs for delivering and supplying electricity are rising across the nation... and Illinois is no exception.

Ameren is working hard to ease the impact higher energy costs will have on our residential customers. We have proposed a plan that will phase in expected increases in the price of electricity over a period of years. This will allow us to maintain reliable service while

keeping your costs as low as possible.

Meanwhile, you can do several things today to control your bills—and use less energy—in the future:

- Sign up for Ameren's Budget Billing to better manage energy bills year-round.
- Take a walk through of your home and make a list of appliances, lighting and entertainment equipment that use energy. Talk to your family about ways to use this equipment more wisely, like powering down your PC when it is not in use.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs to reduce lighting costs, and turn off lights when no one is present.
- When replacing major appliances or home entertainment systems, look for the Energy Star label to get the most from your energy dollar.

For more tips, visit [www.ameren.com](http://www.ameren.com)

## Piping, Fittings & Connections

You should inspect all gas piping, fittings and connections regularly to ensure the safety of your family. An unsafe and dangerous condition may exist:

- If your home is more than 20 years old, some of your appliances may have uncoated brass connectors. Ameren recommends the use of stainless steel connectors; however, plastic-coated brass connectors, which are usually yellow or gray in color, are also approved standards.
- If the gas piping connected to any of your appliances is made of copper tubing, it may have flared connections that can weaken over time.
- If you are uncertain about the type of piping or connectors in your home or have any concerns.

For any of these situations, you should contact a qualified plumbing or heating professional to correct the problem immediately.

Need more information? Call us for our Natural Gas Safety brochure, or find it on the Web at [www.ameren.com](http://www.ameren.com).

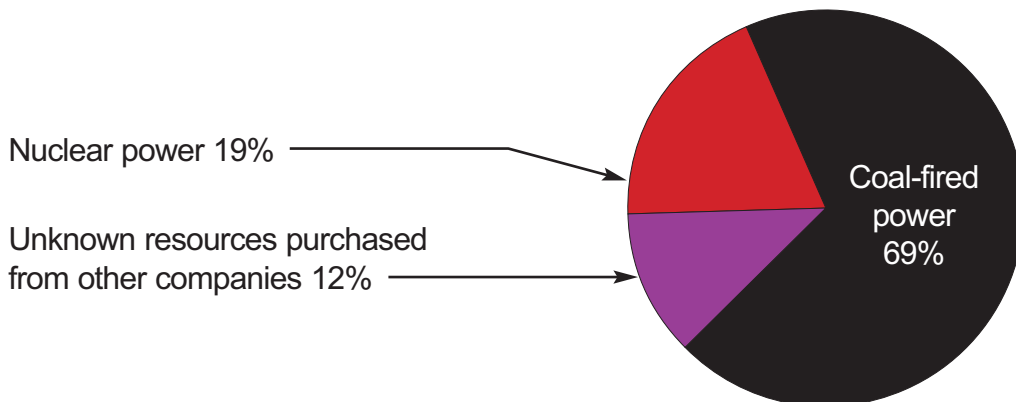


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## Sources of electricity supplied for the 12 months ending June 30, 2006



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### Percentage of total

Biomass power	0%
Coal-fired power	69%
Hydro power	0%
Natural gas-fired power	0%
Nuclear power	19%
Oil-fired power	0%
Solar power	0%
Wind power	0%
Other resources	0%
Unknown resources purchased from other companies	12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

## AVERAGE AMOUNTS OF EMISSIONS and AMOUNT OF NUCLEAR WASTE per 1000 kilowatt-hours (kWhs) PRODUCED from KNOWN<sup>1</sup> sources for the 12 months ending June 30, 2006

Carbon Dioxide	1,410 lbs
Nitrogen Oxides	0.64 lbs
Sulfur Dioxide	3.04 lbs
High-Level Nuclear Waste	<0.0001 lbs
Low-Level Nuclear Waste	0.0002 ft <sup>3</sup>

### Footnote

<sup>1</sup> 12% of the total electricity supplied was purchased from other suppliers and the amounts of emissions and amount of nuclear waste attributable to producing this electricity is not known and is not included in this table.

Additional information on companies selling electrical power in Illinois may be found at the Illinois Commerce Commission's Web site ([www.icc.illinois.gov](http://www.icc.illinois.gov)).

### AmerenIP Customer Service Numbers

Billing/general inquiries: **1.800.755.5000**  
 Payment arrangements: **1.800.750.7026**  
 Suspected gas leak: **1.800.755.6000**

Power out/wires down: **1.800.755.7000**  
 TDD for hearing-impaired: **1.800.526.0857**  
 Underground locating (JULIE): **1.800.892.0123**  
 Speed Pay information: **1.800.659.4366**